

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-889

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Claiborne Supply Company

2. Location

street & number Talbot Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Claiborne ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland ☐ county Talbot

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James M. Richardson and Martha Hamlyn

street & number Talbot Street telephone no.: 745-5001

city, town Claiborne state and zip code MD 21624

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse liber 557

street & number folio 481

city, town Easton state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Claiborne Supply Company is located on the south side of Talbot Street at the intersection of Talbot and Rich Neck Road in Claiborne, Talbot County, Maryland. The store faces north with the principle gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The first story of this two-and-a-half story, frame structure was built around 1910. The upper one-and-a-half storys were added in 1985. Originally covered in weatherboard siding, it is now sheathed in asbestos shingles. The structure is roofed with asphalt shingles and has a brick pier foundation infilled with cinderblocks.

The north (main) elevation is a gable end with a projecting, three sided bay across the first floor. Formerly a porch, this area was enclosed by Otis Jones in the 1940s. The central segment of this bay is lit by a modern door flanked on both sides by one two-over-two sash window with green trim. The other two side segments are lit by a set of three six-over-six sash windows with green trim. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows. The upper half story is lit by one one-over-one sash window. This gable end is finished with a boxed cornice.

The west elevation is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide white surrounds, decorative crown molding, and iron grating on the exterior. Three one-over-one sash windows light the second floor, and an exterior cinderblock chimney sits at the south end of the building. A two-story addition built in 1985 projects to the south, although it is still sheltered by the gable roof. This addition has a cinderblock foundation, and the first story is blind. The second story consists of a screened balcony with square post balusters.

The south elevation gable end has two six-over-six sash windows with iron grating lighting and plain white surrounds at the first story. The second story is a screened balcony accessible via french doors from the main body of the house. The upper half story is lit by two small gothic windows.

The east elevation is lit by two two-over-two sash windows with wide, green surrounds, decorative crown molding, and iron grating. A modern door with a small gable roof portico serves as the southern most bay. One one-over-one sash window lights the first story of the projecting addition to

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☒ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

According to the memoirs of Lida Smith, this store was built by Mr. William Rollison of Sherwood and operated by John Adkins for a short time. The original building was a one story structure with attic storage. Rollison and Theodore T. Jones went into partnership in 1912 and ran the store together until Mr. Jones bought Rollison's share in the property. Theodore's son, Otis, continued the general store business and added the post office in 1944.

The Claiborne Supply Company carried everything from corsets to canned corn and even had a soda fountain. Two gas pumps stood outside to the east of the store and a brass and marble top cash register was used to ring up customer purchases. The store was open six and a half days a week and made home deliveries. After the ferry closed, a bench, called "the liar's bench", was taken from the old waiting room and placed next to the store's pot-bellied stove. There, townspeople would sit and discuss local events or tease fellow customers about their purchases.

Following the death of Otis Jones, Esther Jones, his wife, kept the store and post office in operation until 1981. At that time she sold the store to the current owners who ran the store until 1990 and now continue to handle local mail as a postal contract station. In 1985 the curent owners enlarged the building by adding an upper one-and-a-half storys and a two-story rear extension which is used as living space.

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the south. The second floor is lit by two one-over-one sash windows and one set of two one-over-one sash windows. A shed roof dormer projects from the roof lit by two one-over-one sash windows.

The first floor interior still has the turned supports and shelving space which are original to the store. There is also a large wooden counter with post office boxes and a brass plaque which reads "U.S.Mail, U.S.Post Office, The Sadler Co., Makers, Baltimore, MD." This piece of post office furniture has traveled with each relocation of the Claiborne U.S.Post Office.

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~~Claiborne~~
Annapolis Quadrangle



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